

November 6th, 1923.

Sir S. F. HARMER, K.B.E., F.R.S., Vice-President,
in the Chair.

The SECRETARY exhibited, and made remarks upon, a photograph of a Ratel from Lake Magadi, Kenya.

Mr. D. SETH-SMITH, F.Z.S., Curator of Mammals and Birds, exhibited a living specimen, believed to be about six months old, of the Pigmy Hippopotamus (*Chaeropsis liberiensis*) which had been purchased by the Society from Mr. Harry Smith, of Monrovia, and arrived on November 2nd. Its weight on arrival was 40 lbs., its length 24 inches, and height 14 inches. It was fed entirely upon milk, and appeared to be in excellent condition. Since its arrival in the Society's Gardens it had spent most of

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Baby Pigmy Hippopotamus (*Chaeropsis liberiensis*).

the daytime asleep in its box, taking to the warmed water of the tank towards evening. Although so young it proved to be an excellent swimmer.

Great credit was due to Mr. Harry Smith for having so successfully reared this little animal since it was but a few weeks old, and to Mr. R. M. Mitchell, chief officer of the s.s. 'Melville,' who carefully tended it on the voyage home.

Mr. F. A. MITCHELL-HEDGES, F.Z.S., F.L.S., F.R.G.S., gave an account of his recent expedition through the jungle-region of Panama, and illustrated his remarks with a series of lantern-slides of scenery, natives, and large fish.